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WASHINGTON - FORMER CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER SAYS PRESIDENT REAGAN SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED BY THE ISRAELI INVASION OF LEBANON "BECAUSE JUST ABOUT EVERY AMERICAN WHO READ THE NEWS STORIES ABOUT THE ISRAELI BUILDUP EXPECTED IT."

AT HIS WEDNESDAY PRESS CONFERENCE, REAGAN SAID: "WE WERE CAUGHT AS MUCH BY SURPRISE AS ANYONE" BY THE INVASION.

TURNER, HOWEVER, CONTENDS: "WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN MANY MONTHS AGO THAT THERE WAS AN INCLINATION FOR ISRAEL TO GO IN THIS DIRECTION (AN INVASION OF LEBANON). IT WAS OBVIOUS TO ANY AMERICAN WHO FOLLOWS THE NEWS THAT THEY WERE PREPARING FOR IT. THEY (THE ISRAELIS) ALSO WERE PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARED AND WERE WAITING ONLY FOR AN EXCUSE."

IN A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH REPORTERS THURSDAY, TURNER, WHO HEADED THE CIA IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, ALSO SAID HE BELIEVES REAGAN'S SELECTION OF GEORGE P. SHULTZ AS SECRETARY OF STATE COULD SIGNAL "A LURCH TO THE RIGHT" IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BECAUSE "THERE WILL BE PRESSURES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THAT."

THE RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER M. HAIG JR. "WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT HAIG'S HARD-LINE FOES, THE REALLY ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION, HAVE GAINED SOME ASCENDANCY," TURNER SAYS.

HE ADDS THAT HAIG'S RESIGNATION IS BOUND TO HAVE A GREAT IMPACT FOR A WHILE ON AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS.

"PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH US OVERSEAS," HE SAYS, "ARE GOING TO WONDER - UNTIL GEORGE SHULTZ ACTUALLY IS IN OFFICE AND RUNNING THINGS - WHO THEY'RE DEALING WITH. WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF A HISTORY, NOT ONLY IN THIS ADMINISTRATION BUT IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, OF REVERSING OURSELVES ON FOREIGN POLICY, SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE A LITTLE NERVOUS UNTIL THEY SEE WHICH WAY THIS IS GOING TO GO.

"IT REALLY WOULD HAVE HURT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEANS IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE FACT THAT GEORGE SHULTZ IS HAIG'S REPLACEMENT," TURNER SAYS. "EVEN SO, THE CHANGEOVER PROBABLY WILL HAVE ERADICATED SOME GAINS IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS IN EUROPE AND WILL SLOW THE PACE OF THE START (STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TALKS) WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES."

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